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MEMORANDUM TO THE ASSISTANT CHIEF, PLANNING & COORDINATING STAFF,
OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: State Department "Monthly Analysis of Soviet
Broadcasts"

Reference is made to your memorandum of 6 October 1947. Please note the attached comments of the Acting Chief, Special Reports Division, in his memorandum dated 20 October 1947 to the Chief, FBIB, which comments are concurred in by this office.

I have informally discussed this matter with [redacted] as suggested in your memorandum, and I have been informed that due to personnel shortages his office is discontinuing the "Monthly Analysis of Soviet Broadcasts". [redacted] further informed me that, while this analysis has been based solely on FBIB reports, prior to its publication it has been referred to the various area desks to insure that this analysis is consistent with conclusions made by this division based upon sources other than radio.

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It would seem that since the State Department plans to discontinue their publication, FBIB is in a position to take over the responsibility for a monthly critical analysis of Soviet broadcasts as soon as the FBIB personnel situation will permit, and we shall make our plans accordingly. However, it is believed in the light of past experience that OCD should be requested to determine whether or not such an analysis is necessary or desirable prior to our actually embarking on such a project. It is my belief, however, that anything which might be considered as interpretive analysis should be done only in close liaison with ORE.

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Chief, FBIB

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